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### A TIME FOR HEROES.

A cavalry saber hangs upon the wall, All battered and twisted and eaten by

Twas -w when its owner heard Liberty And into his fingers the weapon was

And many a desperate battle, I ween. This rusty and battered old saber has seen.

My little boys ask me again and again, A hundred odd questions—"What good does it do?"

"And why is it rusty?" and "What makes that stain

At the handle?" and "What is it worth, Pa, to you?"

The little chap never heard Liberty call, He hasn't heard Freedom's harsh lesson

I tell him the story-how up through the

Of Malvern Hill's battle the enemy came; p! Up to the cannon until the line broke, Bent, wavered and vanished—scorched

out by the flame; How over the cannon one brave fellow lay. The saber held tight in his dead hand that

My little boy ponders the tale at my knee, "I wish we had sabers and fighting," he

"I wish there were tyrants and men to set And heroes to suffer and fight for a prize. There isn't a war or a chance to be brave, Or swords to be carried, or country to

Ah! little boy! Never found hero a time. In all of the ages that history knows, So filled up as this age with chances sub-

Not with the old saber can you win your Your weapon is forged out of justice and hurried off to the kitchen below.

For falsehood chains truth and injustice is

And ignorance tramples on Liberty's law. The country needs men with a hatred for

A heart without fear and a life without I of off to the war." And nothing is nobler, my boy, than the

That honest hearts make to be true to the | dear! -Rural New Yorker.

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## OFF TO THE WAR

By Clifford Mills.

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A still closed-all except mother's, meant to be killed." e had left hers ajar through the

and little shafts of light crept through dressed. She had borne up bravely keep him," they said, "and comfort his the Venetian blinds, picking out the throughout. Once, though, her lips mother's heart!" For they knew that pictures on the walls, the mirror of the had trembled; that was when the the men gave willingly their lives for wardrobe, and the gallant figure of Bob's gay whistling hai their country, but that the gift of the Farmer Near Bridgeville, N. J., Une

himself on the mantelpiece, photo- reached her ears. But even then lov- women was something dearer than graphed in full uniform.

dor to Bob's room. Bob lay, six feet of British manhood,

mured. "Oh, my darling!"

free and asked the time.

mother said, if he did not mind, she heard father coming. would like to read one of the morning Psalmstohim; it would comfort him, she but paused on the threshold. To tell 000 over last year, and was allowed said. And Bob consented like the the truth, he had thought mother at the instance of Mr. Lorimer. It gentleman he was, and lay still while downstairs. He had been trying to is the understanding Chicago will be she read, thinking what pretty hair she remember, that day when Bob had one of the first cities which will feel had-it fell in a long plait right below ridden the new pony for the first time the effects of the increase, and the her waist. Then she kissed him again, so pluckily, whether the lad had been new system will be installed there and went; and when she was quite sure breeched or not. He knew the pic- if the amount is not reduced. The he could count on isolation Bob got up ture was on mother's dressing table, appropriation is placed at the disand wandered among the litter of uni- and he had come in to look at it, and posal of the postmaster general, who form cases and portmanteaus that lay there stood mother with the photo- will apportion it among the different about the floor. Then he took up his graph in her hand. Glengarry, and, putting it on, regarded his reflection in the mirror with com- you have not gone down?" and his to have the pneumatic tube system placency. And his pride must be ex- voice was not conciliatory, for he felt installed in the Chicago post office, cused, for he was a newly fledged sub- that every one that morning, himaltern of 20 years, recalled from leave to self included, was wearing his heart crease accepted by the house. Last join his battalion, which sailed on the on his sleeve, and a sense of lost dig- year he was successful in having inmorrow for the seat of war.

Having adjusted the cap at every conceivable angle, he replaced it and continued his toilet. His cheeks were per- looked up at father with a look in feetly innnocent of beard, and 20 min- which reproach and sorrow mingled, utes saw him fully attired, immaculate and then suddenly she turned aside, in a brand-new suit, and the stiffest and and her hands busied themselves highest of shiny white collars.

three years, entered the room. It was easy to see that she had been weeping, To think of it! He, the soul of prebut Bob expected as much and his cision, to thus betray himself. But heart did not resent it. He put his arm | there his abstraction stood confessed. round her waist and kissed her.

"Nearly time to be off," he cried, with almost brutal cheerfulness, and Well, there was no accounting for turned to strap his portmanteau, man's ways, but, thank God, he had

whistling a martial ditty. mixed feelings. She was very proud of for their son's departure. Oh, those topped with a silver cap and edging Bob. He was a dear hero; but if only | blessed odd boots! the war were over and he back again,

sides it would look as if she felt this and went downstairs.

not check the thoughts that the sight fast. brought to her mind. Bob with the reless, wounded, bloody-dying-dying! With a little cry she rose to her feet.

funky at the sight of this revolver."

tle laugh. "Well, perhaps I did," she wish him good luck and Godspeed. Bob tina. said, and went quickly from the room. shook hands with them all and thanked

downstairs.

In the hall Perkins, the man servant, met him and hurried forward with a scared face. "Oh, sir," he cried, reproachfully, "you shouldn't, really, sir! I wouldn't have had it happen for worlds, sir," he said, pathetically, as he took the case and portmanteau from Bob's hands.

"Oh, it is all right, Perkins," Bob For meeting and conquering deadliest answered, with splendid condescension; whereupon one of the housemaids, who was a witness of the scene,

> "He's down," she exclaimed, breathlessly, "a-carrying of his own portmanteau and looking as handsome and cheerful for all the world as if he was a-going to be married, instead

> "Poor dear!" said cook, as she

Perkins hurried down at this moment. "To think." he cried, tragically. "as he's strapped his own traps and carried down his own portmanteau, and he off to the war! I'd have lost a whole month's wage sooner than this 'ere should have happened. Supposing he's killed, and I've got to remember that he waited on hisself the last morning!"

LL the doors in the corridor were housemaid. "He don't look as if he

ing pride had flashed into her eyes life. Mother's vigil was ended. She rose and choked down sorrow. Her boy . And all the time Bob's heart was

yellow-haired, straight-limbed, deep- in the dressing-room, could hear the to be the terror and conquerors of dis- for a century or more. In it he found sound. She would like to have called tant lands. He did not know; but so an iron box, seven by nine inches, The few dreams that had visited him to him, only she was just a little it was, and 'twas a goodly heritage, which upon being pried open was found had been sweet to the heart of a soldier. hurt at his apparent anconcern at his of which Bob in his joy and impatience to contain a large quantity of silver and Not a shadow of fear disturbed his son's departure. But after all, she recked little. slumbers. He had been assisting in thought, he was only a man; he could So the station was reached and the killing the enemy by shrapnel, rifle and not know a mother's heart; his breast last good-by spoken; and father hayonet, in thousands, and now they had not pillowed the little sunny head grasped Bob's hand. "You will-do \$2,000. How the money came there is lay around him like corn under the in the years gone by: he had not cried your duty," father said; "I am sure of not known, but it must have been hidsickle, and Bob smiled and awoke, and with joy when the little feet had it." saw his mother standing looking down taken their first unsteady steps across upon him. It was no unusual sight to the floor. How well she remembered sir," he answered, in a husky voice; see her there; yet to-day something that day, and how proud she had felt "and - my love - to mother."-Pall stirred in his breast, and Bob put up his of her son! He was such a fine big Mall Gazette. arms and drew her head down to his baby. She had placed him against a chair, and he had looked up at her "My baby-my boy!" mother mur- with round eyes of wonder; then, when her meaning came to him, he Bob bore it with admirable grace, but had thrown back his little head and. Increased Appropriation Made by he did not like it-not a little bit; and with a scream of delight, walked as soon as he could he wriggled himself | bravely forward right into her loving, waiting arms. And now-now-There was time and to spare, and She brushed aside her tears, for sae, office committee to appropriate \$725,-

"Humph!" exclaimed father. "so nity was irritating him.

Mother's heart swelled at the tone; she put down the photograph and among the brushes and trays on the Just at this moment a knock came at dressing table, for her quick eye had der the substations, branch post ofthe door, and his sister, his junior by detected that father was wearing odd fices, the railroad stations and the OATS-No. 2 mixed .. boots-a buttoned and a laced-up one. And oh, how mother loved him for it! He had been such a stoic, too. put on odd boots that morning. She Nell sat down on the edge of the bed no longer felt lonely in her grief. He and surveyed the array of paggage with | cared, too; his heart was aching also

She knew his nature, and stood for a erowned with glory! Other girls' moment wondering how best to tell brothers had gone, and-well, she him of his mistake without annoying would not let herself think. She wished him. And presently mother, on her kopies mentioned as existing in the she had been kinder to Bob in the days way downstairs, tapped at the dress- Transvaal, some ctriosity is ex-

conscience till he was back again. She it; I have put it down outside." Then would like to have told Bob she was she waited until she heard father sorry, but she knew that he would swearing softly to himself. Then she laugh at her for a little goose; and be- knew matters would right themselves

was indeed good-by; so she choked back At breakfast somenow nobody had this lump in her throat and sat with | much to say. Bob wanted to talk, but brave eyes stoically watching Bob, who felt that his one topic-his luck at bestood in the window examining his re- ing sent to the front-would not be exactly congenial to his listeners. So But, strive as she would, she could he refrained, and ate a hearty break-

He would carry the memory of his volver in his hand-yes, but far away last meal away with him to the farin the midst of the din and smoke of | off land. The tender face of mother, battle, surrounded by the foe; daunt- smiling bravely from behind the bubbling, steaming urn; the dainty spread table; the pleasant, luxurious room, Bob, who had been taking careful with its handsome pictures, the broad aim at the gas globe, turned at the bow window, from which he could see sound. "Halloo!" he exclaimed, the dear old garden where he had "what's up, Nell? You look as if you played as a child; the loving eyes of holds that the Supreme Being should had seen a ghost." Then his eyes fol- Nell beaming upon him across the be typified by motherhood rather than lowed her gaze. "Little coward!" he table. Yes, home was home, although by fatherhood, which is the essence of cried, teasingly. "I believe you got he was the luckiest subaltern in the Kali worship. She holds dear all the service.

Bob went back and finished his them, and then he stood with mother packing; then he caught up his port- in the porch - alone. He could not see manteau and helmet case and went her face distinctly for the mist across father were walking quickly down the for I have taken the three vowsing slowly forward to await them at thing, always to obey." the gates beyond. Father remarked that the new gamekeeper was giving satisfaction, and that there was every prospect of the covers yielding better port the next autumn.

"We shall have you home again before then, my boy," he said.

"Rather, sir!" answered Bob; "we shall not take long to settle this little affair.'

boys were standing in a row. They had three-cornered paper hats on their heads and wooden swords in their hands, and they greeted Bob with sundry salutes and hurrahs. And Bob laughed, and gave them a penny each. turned the chops; "poor innocent said. "We shall be wanting new re-"You must keep up your drilling," he cruits in the regiment by and by."

And then the gate was opened, and Bob climbed to the back seat of the cart. Far away at the house something fluttered white from a window, and Bob took out his handkerchief and ignaled back again. Then the boys heered afresh, and the trap turned into the lane, and home was already a thing of the past.

As they drove through the village "Ain't he cheerful?" said Mary, the there was not a doorway that had not some one standing on the threshold to bid him Godspeed.

"Oh! they none of 'em mean to be "Tis the young squire off to the

softly, slipped on her dressing gown was brave-brave and true; and duty, singing to him; he did not know that and slippers, and stole along the corri- she knew full well, would find him a the song had come down to him from Bridgeville, N.J., while engaged in tearthe long ago time when the sea kings ing down an old house on his place She wondered if father, who was had gone forth with their battle songs struck a stone chimney that had stood

And Bob's face flushed. "Thank you.

## THE CHICAGO POST OFFICE.

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his absence the item was stricken out. If the bill is adopted in its present shape the postmaster general will orstock yards connected by tube with RYE ..... the main office, and in all probability the street car and wagon service will be abolished.

Shakespearean Relic Found.

A well-authenticated Shakespearean relic, an earthenware jug. given by him to his sister Joan, is on sale in London. It is shaped like a modern coffee pot, decorated with heathen mythological figures in bold relief, and of engraved silver.

No Boom to Plow.

In view of the almost innumerable gone by. Now the little, upthought-of ing-room outer door. "One of your pressed, says the St. Louis Star, as PORK-Mess ......
omissions would be ghosts to baunt her lace boots," she said. "I stumbled over the Boers do their farming. LARD-Steam .....

WOMAN OF KALI FAITH.

Wears Strange Garb of Gray Woolen Stuff with Cassock Sleeves and Is Known as Sister Nivedtina.

On the limited train that left New York for Chicago the other day was a sweet-faced young woman clad in a strange garb. Around her was wrapped a long garment of gray woolen stuff, with loose cassock sleeves, half dress and half robe, held in at the waist by a simple girdle. It was the dress of an Indian devotee. She was Miss Margaret Noble, a wealthy English woman, who has been converted to the weird beliefs of the far east.

She believes in Kali worship. Her faith in reincarnation is supreme. She mysticisms of the orient-yet she Nell stopped short on her way to by and by the trap at the door, and the door, then she gave a queer lit- the servants gathered in the hall to ity. Miss Noble is now Sister Nived-

"I have renounced the English world," said Sister Nivedtina. "I will spend the rest of my life in India. It is far more satisfying than the his eyes; and the next moment he and crude west. I am an Indian nun now, drive, along which the dogeart was go- never to marry, never to possess any-

> Miss Noble left England for India 18 months ago. She is in America for an educational institution in India which purposes teaching girls manual training in order that they may better support themselves.

### DANGER IN ICED DRINKS.

At the lodge, the gamekeeper's four. May Bring on Brain Disease, According to the Statement of a Wichita Doctor.

> A doctor of Wichita, Kan., says that iced drinks are dangerous, especially to women who drink them through a straw. The doctor has made a close study of this question, but refuses to allow the use of his name in connection therewith. He did, however, make the following statement to a Chicago Inter Ocean correspondent:

"I am sure one of my young women patients who died recently was first made ill last summer by taking iced drinks through a straw. She drew the iced water against the roof of her mouth, which cooled the brain, and when she again went out into the sun, a headache and fever followed. This was kept up all summer, until ber brain became affected. Last week she lied, after four months' suffering, from night, in case Bob, waking, had called her name. But Bob had not called; he slept like a top.

Presently the gray dawn grew pink.

In the meantime mother had the young squire on to the war," they cried one to the other, and the men's eyes flashed and their voices rose; but the women's eyes filled with tears as they saw him drive past. "God keep at it a whole season." keep at it a whole season."

### A RICH FIND.

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True to His Name. The word "cossack" is Turkish, and means "free man" or "free lance."

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